



**Friendly High School**  
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Dear Parents,

I hope you are having a wonderful summer. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and look forward to working with you and your children.

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted staff is already planning and preparing for your child(ren). Our enthusiastic office team is registering new families, ordering needed materials and updating student files. Our hard working and conscientious custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning the facility. In addition, our much-appreciated Parent Academic Booster Club (PABC) is gearing up to welcome families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer other exciting events and programs. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goal of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

Please be prepared for important changes in our school uniform policy. We've heard the requests of the student body regarding uniforms and Friendly Fridays. As a compromise, beginning September 2019, students will be permitted to wear **RED OR BLUE Friendly Spirit shirts** or their current red or blue polo shirts on a **daily basis**. These spirit items may be purchased from the Safeway in Fort Washington or via any apparel vendor. Due to safety concerns, ***no head covering is permitted to be worn inside the building unless for religious purposes***. This includes, but is not limited to, **hoodies, wave caps, scarves, and sunglasses**. Students are allowed to wear red or blue (other colors are unacceptable) sweaters, sweat shirts or blue/red jean jackets over their Friendly shirts or polo shirts if the building gets cold. For safety reasons, **Crocs, flip flops and open-toe shoes are not permitted**. In addition, **students must wear their identification badges (ID's) around their necks and visible throughout the school day**. Failing to comply will be considered "**disrespectful**"; students will receive consequences according to the Code of Student Conduct.

We ask that you support and guide your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time (**in class by 7:45 am**), ready for the day's learning experience (**school supplies/materials**)
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go on to college or a career

Please consider joining our Parent Academic Booster Club (PABC). Our PABC serves as one of our strongest parent groups who continuously strive to build strong relationships amongst our staff and community as well as work tirelessly to ensure that our students educational experiences prepare them to be College and Career Ready. Our students will benefit tremendously from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations. Please contact Mr. Christopher Lewis, (president of PABC) on (202) 557-6281 or [c\\_lewis709@comcast.net](mailto:c_lewis709@comcast.net).

In preparation for the school year, we would like for you to note the following:

### **Important Dates**

- **FRESHMAN ORIENTATION** will be held on **Friday, August 30th, 2019**, from 7:30 a.m.-2:25 p.m. ID Badges will be given to FRESHMEN during Orientation. Buses will operate on a normal schedule for that day. Bus information will be sent out by the Office of Transportation. Uniforms are not required.
- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** is **Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019**. All students will report to the designated areas upon arrival. Staff members will be stationed throughout the building to address concerns.
- **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT** will be held on Thursday, **September 12, 2019**, at 6:30 p.m.
- **SCHOOL WIDE PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE** will take place on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am – 2:30 pm.

### **School Information and Other Requirements**

- **SCHOOL HOURS** are from **7:30 a.m. until 2:25 p.m.** **Students who are not in class at 7:45 am are considered tardy.**
- **STUDENT IDENTIFICATION PICTURES** will be taken during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school. **Students are required to wear their IDs around their necks (visible) while on school property.** Students may receive ONLY two temporary IDs (wrist bands) when needed per quarter. Replacement cost for lost or defaced

IDs is \$5.00 (cost of cards/ink). A Student Financial Obligation form will be issued to students for each replaced identification card. **A student cannot participate in the graduation ceremony if he or she has not fulfilled their financial obligations.**

- **FALL ATHLETICS - All students should have their community service hours (24) submitted to FHS before participating on an athletic team or extra curricular activities.** All students must have earned a 2.0 during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the previous school year (except incoming Freshmen). Students must submit evidence of a current physical and a signed permission slip. For more information, contact, the Athletic Director, Ms. M. Staves at 301-449-4900 or [makia.staves@pgcps.org](mailto:makia.staves@pgcps.org).
- **BUS SCHEDULES** will be mailed to you by the Prince George's County Public Schools' Department of Transportation. Bus information is available by visiting [www.pgcps.org](http://www.pgcps.org). Please review the AM and PM bus numbers and times for your child.
- Students are not allowed to remain after school without proper adult supervision and permission from parents. Students must also leave the building at 2:25 p.m. unless they are **with** an adult who sponsors an afterschool activity.

### **Uniform Policy:**

**Shirt:** Solid red or royal blue long or short sleeve shirt with a collar (**NO EMBLEMS/SYMBOLS ON THE SHIRT**). Tightly fitted, stretch shirts and t-shirts are **not** permitted. The undershirt should not be visible.

**Pants:** Plain tan khaki *colored* pants (**NO GRAY, ORANGE, BROWN, ETC.**). **Yoga pants/tights are not permissible.** Shorts, Capri and cargo pants are permissible. All must be worn on or above the hips. In addition, all must have a minimum length that extends below a student's extended fingertips. Pants with holes are **not permitted**.

**Skirts:** Plain khaki skirts and/or skorts are permissible. Skirts may not have a drawstring or be spandex/shape fitting material. In addition, all must have a minimum length that extends below a student's extended fingertips.

**Sweaters/Hoodies/Sweatshirts** (inside building): If a student's needs requires additional layers, **ONLY** sweaters or sweatshirts are allowed. Sweaters and sweatshirts must be solid colored, red, royal or navy blue. Students are **not allowed** to wear **hoodies** or jackets with hoods on school property.

**Prohibited garments:** Coats, jackets or blankets are not allowed to be worn inside the building. All coats, jackets and blankets must be stored in the students' locker.

**Shoes:** Must be in styles that have a closed toe and heel. No flip-flops, slippers or crocs allowed.

**Vests:** Plain, solid red or royal blue sweaters, vests and may be worn as pullovers or cardigans.

### **Team /Organization and Club shirts** on any school day

**Other:** Hats, scarves and /or head coverings may not be worn in the building, except for approved religious or health related reason (s) only.

In order to participate in specialized school activities/incentives, which include, but are not limited to: sports events, dances, pep rallies, prom and special assemblies, students will be limited to the number of infractions they may incur during a particular quarter. Students who do not meet this expectation will be placed on probationary status. Being placed on probationary status means that students may not participate in the activities/incentives during the quarter the infraction was received. In order to participate in the above activities/incentives, students may NOT have incurred one or more of the following:

- More than 3 occurrences of loitering.
- More than 3 occurrences of class cutting.
- More than 3 occurrences of class or school unexcused absences
- More than 3 occurrences of tardiness to school and/or class
- More than 3 occurrences of uniform compliance violations
- More than 3 occurrences of missing IDs without acquiring a temporary ID

The offenses will be tracked every quarter. Offenses will reset to zero at the beginning of each quarter.

### **PGCPS Secondary School *Basic* Supplies**

- Three-inch, three-ring binder
- Subject dividers
- Loose-leaf notebook paper (college ruled)
- Composition books (college ruled)
- Blue or black ballpoint pens
- #2 pencils
- Colored pencils
- Highlighters
- Ruler
- Book Covers

### **Summer Spotlight**

Kudos and appreciation to our custodial staff for their continuous untiring efforts throughout the summer to ensure that we have a safe, orderly, and clean environment. Many facility

updates, from structural to technological, took place and are continuing to happen as we speak.

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. In order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

Sincerely,

R. Pope-Brown  
Principal, Friendly High School